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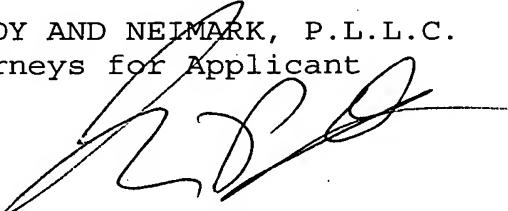
After entry of this amendment, claims 1-102 remain in this case. The amendments to the claims are being made to eliminate all multiple dependencies, so as to reduce the filing fee, and to place the case in better condition for examination. In particular, they conform the claims to the February 22, 2005 response to written opinion, and eliminate remaining references to "granules" overlooked by that response. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee.

Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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